

REMARKS

Reconsideration of the present application as amended is respectfully requested.

In the Office Action, claims 1-2, 4-7, 10-12, 15-17, and 22-29 were pending. Claims 1-2, 4-7, 10-12, and 15-17 stand rejected. Claims 22-29 are allowed.

In this response, claims 1 and 12 have been canceled without prejudice. Claims 2, 4, 7, 10-11, 15, and 17 have been amended. Thus, claims 2, 4-7, 10-11, 15-17, and 22-29 remain pending. No new matter has been added.

Specifically, claims 2, 4, 7, 10-11, 15, and 17 have been amended to depend from the allowed independent claim 22. Thus, all pending claims are allowable. While Applicant does not concede that the Examiner's position is correct on the merits, Applicant has sought to obtain the claims which were objected to.

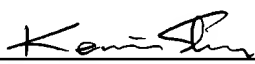
In view of the foregoing, Applicant respectfully submits the present application is now in condition for allowance. If the Examiner believes a telephone conference would expedite or assist in the allowance of the present application, the Examiner is invited to call the undersigned attorney at (408) 720-8300.

Please charge Deposit Account No. 02-2666 for any shortage of fees in connection with this response.

Respectfully submitted,

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